Nature Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

*299. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATTION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are paying adequate attention towards nature tourism in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the places that have been indentified by Government for the purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that accommodation problems also persist at these nature tourism spots; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government for providing accommodation facilities at reasonable rates?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The National Action Plan for Tourism lays emphasis on the diversification of tourism including Adventure Tourism. Various activities like mountaineering, trekking, water sports, skiing and wild life tourism which bring tourists close to nature have been identified for development. In Uttar Pradesh, the travel circuit consisting of Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath has been identified for intensive development with the assistance of the State Government and the private sector.

(c) and (d) The Government offers various incentives and concessions to encourage investment in the accommodation sector and in particular in the hilly, remote and pilgrim areas/centres.

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*300. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या किसी क्षेत्र में नये टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज स्थापित किए जाने संबंधी कोई मानदण्ड हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि उक्त मानदण्डों को पूरा किए जाने के बावजूद विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज स्थापित नहीं किए जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) जी हां। किसी स्थान पर नया टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज खोलने के प्रश्न पर तभी विचार किया जाता है जब टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की पंजीकृत मांग 10 अथवा इससे अधिक होती है।

(ख) जी हां। कुछ स्थानों पर, तकनीकी अव्यवहारिकता और संसाधनों की कमी के कारण, नये टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज खोलने में देरी हुई।

(ग) यह एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है, अत: कोई विशिष्ट ब्यौरे तत्काल उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

Construction of another international Airport at Bombay

2459. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 814 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the I.A.A.I. has acquired the land earmarked for the construction of another international airport at Bombay;

(b) if so, what is its proposed location;

(c) whether any part of the land required for the purose is yet to be